

August 16, 1982

Memo to File:

RE: Inspection of the Sinbad Mine
Minerals Recovery Corp.
ACT/015/030 and
Idaho Mining Company
EXP/015/017

At the request of the above mentioned company members of the Division, James Smith, Tom Tetting and Pam Grubaugh-Littig met on August 10, 1982 with Diana Evans and Dean Stucker. The purpose of the site visit was to evaluate reclamation plans and provide advice. Site access was obtained over a small southerly ranch turnoff (unmarked) six to seven miles past the official ranch exit to the east of HW 24 turnoff from Interstate 70. After only a few miles the mine site is apparent on the right directly northwest of a dammed pond on the left hand side of the road.

The Sinbad Mine is an underground uranium mine which involves a disturbed area of approximately 10 acres including access roads. Minerals Recovery Corporation (MRC) will terminate their lease on September 10, 1982 to avoid additional lease payments. They expect to complete reclamation before that date. Items discussed during the visit are listed as follows:

1. Two waste rock piles on the southern limit of the area will be contoured to fit the surrounding terrain. This will involve;
 - A. Removing available topsoil or surficial material from between them and directly north to the exposed rise and portal road area.
 - B. Waste rock will be backfilled into the portal (400 tons).
 - C. The remainder of the waste rock will be graded northward to blend into the natural contours of the hill above the decline, the rise to the east and will be stabilized to slope away from the backfilled portal. This will involve emplacement of material from the two piles into the common area between as well.
2. All scrap metal storage tanks, extraneous debris and additional materials will be disposed of properly.
3. The concrete foundations under all structures will be broken up and covered with a minimum of twelve and preferably eighteen inches of topsoil.
4. Topsoil will be distributed over the area in a practical manner.
5. The vent shaft area, west of the mine facilities, will be prepared for seeding, the topsoil will be distributed and a small pond will be buried.

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6. All drill holes will be plugged and abandoned in a manner compatible with Division guidelines. MRC will be responsible for holes located on the leased claim blocks as well as the mine site area.
7. The area of disturbance including roads to the vent shaft area, will be scarified and broadcast seeded with a diverse seed mixture approved by the Division.

An additional situation needing attention was uncovered while on site. The lease owner, Bill Wilson of Idaho Mining Company, was conducting near by assessment drilling (exploration). The driller and on-site geological advisor had not been informed of State plugging requirements. Additional evidence was ascertained as there are perhaps several hundred drill holes surrounding the Sinbad Mine. At least half of those inspected were readily detectable as unplugged. The most recent communication with W. L. Wilson was in 1979, EXP/015/017.

The geologist on-site was informed of the situation, the drillers were conversed with and plugging of the numerous holes from previous years was required. Mr. Wilson should be contacted formally. His current telephone number is 303-243-7806

The Minerals Recovery Corporation will have the previously listed items communicated in writing. They will most likely request an additional site visit from the Division to verify reclamation prior to redisturbance by the lease owner, Mr. Wilson.

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